

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

“SUPPORT FOR U.S. FROM AFGHAN COMMUNITY OF NEW ENGLAND”

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, as are all of us, I have been meeting regularly with people in my district about the terrible mass murders which were inflicted on us and how we should respond. One of the groups with which I was most interested in meeting consists of Afghans who are living in the U.S., and who are strongly supportive of our efforts not simply to repel terrorism against us, but to help their native country free itself from the tyranny now oppressing them under the rule of the Taliban. On Monday, October 8, I had a very useful informative meeting with a number of people from the Afghan community in New England. Given that these are people who believe in freedom, and also practice it, they were not all in complete agreement with everything the U.S. government has done since September 11, nor were they in complete agreement with each other on every point. But they were united on the basic points, embodied in the statement which they presented to me.

We should remember that the major victims of the alliance between the Taliban and Osama bin Laden on a continuing basis are the people of Afghanistan, women especially, but all in Afghanistan who are being subject to a brutal, terrorist regime. To remind us all of this, and to share with my colleagues the insights presented to me by Afghans who are committed to helping us resolve this issue, I ask that their very thoughtful statement be printed here.

October 8, 2001.

Congressman BARNEY FRANK,
Newton, Massachusetts.

CONGRESSMAN BARNEY FRANK: Thank you for the time and for the opportunity you have given us to meet with you in your office. We represent the few Afghan families who live in Massachusetts. There are roughly 100 Afghan families in Massachusetts. Most of us have come to United States in the 1980s when the Russians invaded Afghanistan. Around 20 families have come to United States in the past two years. Those who come in the 1980s are mostly US citizens now.

After the September 11th terrorist attacks in New York and in Washington we, the Afghan Community of New England in Massachusetts, issued a Statement and a Press Release the day after the attack. We strongly condemned these terrorist acts and expressed our solidarity and unity with our President and our Government. We also expressed our sadness, sorrow and condolences with those families who lost their loved ones.

Long before the September 11th attacks, all Afghans in the United States and abroad and the Afghans inside Afghanistan raised their voices loudly and warned the world about the existence and threats of these non-Afghan terrorist groups inside Afghanistan.

It is unfortunate to say that the government of Pakistan, its military forces, and the ISI helped, funded, and created these terrorist groups along with Taliban who rules Afghanistan right now. Taliban do not represent the Afghan society. We would like to see a broad based government, which includes all the people of Afghanistan regardless of their ethnic, linguistic, and religious differences. We wished this goal had been accomplished through a peaceful mean.

Today, we are deeply concerned about the fate of the civilians inside Afghanistan. We appreciate the aid package for the refugees inside and outside Afghanistan and the food dropping efforts. We would like to see this humanitarian assistance to continue throughout the wintertime. We would like to see that the United States and the free world not to abandon Afghanistan and to plan for the future of Afghanistan. We need to rebuild and re-construct Afghanistan.

Sincerely yours,
AFGHAN COMMUNITY OF NEW
ENGLAND IN MASSACHUSETTS.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. FRANK (CAROLINE) GUARINI

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in praise of the late Mrs. Frank (Caroline) Guarini, Senior, mother of former Congressman Frank J. Guarini, Jr. Mrs. Guarini's life spanned the entire 20th century; entering our world on March 25, 1900 in Niagara Falls, New York and departing it on September 9, 2001 at her home in Secaucus, New Jersey. On September 13th I was privileged to be in attendance with her loving son and family in a service celebrating her life.

After completing her education in Canada, then Caroline Critelli worked in her family's furniture business before marrying Frank J. Guarini, Sr. in 1923. Never forgetting her Italian immigrant background, she raised her two children Ms. Marie Mangin and Mr. Guarini, Jr. to be proud of their heritage and grateful for all of that life had blessed them with.

To this end, Mrs. Guarini remained devoted to the public throughout her life, contributing to the community through service and through the arts. In November of 1999, Mrs. Guarini was recognized by the Christopher Columbus Foundation for her continuous participation in its Columbus Day Parade where she was referred to as a “child's dream of a fairy Godmother”. And in celebration of her 100th birthday in 2000, she played the theme song from Dr. Zhivago on piano on an international television broadcast.

Whether in the capacity of work, family, service, church, or neighbor, everyone who met Mrs. Guarini was touched by her. Those that had the honor of knowing Mrs. Guarini, will forever remember her grace, charm, and beauty.

IN MEMORY OF LUCILLE PERK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lucille Perk of Cleveland.

Lucille Perk may always be best remembered as an avid bowler. She bowled with Vic's Floral team in the Southeast Ladies League for more than twenty years. When her husband, Ralph Perk, who was the mayor of Cleveland from 1972 through 1977, was invited to a White House dinner with president Nixon, she did not accompany him. Pressed for an explanation, the mayor explained that his wife could not attend because it was her bowling night. People across the country knew the story of the Ohio woman who preferred bowling to dinner at the White House.

As dedicated as she was to her teammates at the bowling alley, she was even more dedicated to her community, her church and her family. The mother of seven, she was named Italian Mother of the Year by the Italian-American Civic Club in 1965. For more than thirty-five years while her husband was in politics, Lucille answered telephone calls from constituents.

Lucille was a regular attendee of meetings of the Parent Teachers Union at Our Lady of Lourdes parochial school. She was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Lourdes parish. She was also a member of the Southeast Isabella Guild of the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of St. John's women's auxiliary. She was a founder of two mission circles supporting priests in El Salvador and South Africa.

Lucille Perk was a dedicated wife, mother, community volunteer, and bowler. She has become a part of the culture of Cleveland. My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring the life of this remarkable woman.

FARM SECURITY ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2001

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I offer my thanks and congratulations to the Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, Mr. COMBEST, and the Ranking Members, Mr. STENHOLM, for crafting this bipartisan legislation, which I am pleased to support. The bill before us is the result of more than two years of hard work by the Agriculture Committee and I believe the efforts of the Committee are reflected in this Farm Bill.

This legislation comes at a time of historically low commodity prices and high costs for farmers and ranchers. This has resulted in drastically lower production. Last year in my state of Kansas, wheat production was only 80

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